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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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INFO: RUTALS/AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE 2657

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SC ACTION ON HORM

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1. I WISH ALERT DEPARTMENT THAT IT MAY NOT RPT NOT PROVE POSSIBLE TO CONTACT BONGO QUICKLY. AS DEPT AWARE, GABON IS IN MIDDLE OF RENOVATION DAY, NOW CONSIDERED AS GABON'S MOST IMPORTANT HOLIDAY. SIX AND HALF HOUR PARADE HAS JUST FINISHED WITH BONGO IN ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT. THERE IS MAJOR DINNER THIS EVENING AND TOMORROW IS ALSO HOLIDAY. MEANWHILE BONGO IS NOT ONLY OCCUPIED WITH EVENTS BUT ALSO WITH BOKASSA OF CAE AND VARIOUS OTHER DELEGATIONS.

2. I HAVE MADE KNOWN MY WISH TO CONTACT BONGO URGENTLY TO BONGO'S CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WHO WAS LESS THAN ENCOURAGING THAT ANYTHING WAS POSSIBLE BEFORE WEDNESDAY MARCH 15. I SHALL NONETHELESS

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KEEP TRYING FOR SOMETHING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE PER INSTRUCTIONS BUT DEPT SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS. I CAN THINK OF NO USEFUL ALTERNATIVES ALTHOUGH DEPT MAY WISH GET IN TOUCH WITH GABONESE AMB IN WASHINGTON OR PERMREP IN NEW YORK AND ASK THEM TO SEND MESSAGE TO BONGO DIRECTLY. I HAVE NO ASSURANCE SUCH MESSAGE WOULD REACH HIM, BUT DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN LOSE ANYTHING SINCE WE WILL KEEP TRYING HERE.

3. HAVE ALREADY ALERTED FRENCH AMB. DELAUNEY HERE TO POSSIBILITY
HE MAY RECEIVE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM QUAI (HE HAD NOTHING AS
OF THIS MORNING), AND WILL TRY TO REACH HIM ASAP TO ENSURE HE
IS FULLY AWARE OF PARAS 3 AND 4 STATE REFTEL.TIENKEN

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